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Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch a nation-wise programme to create awareness of various aspects of Tsunami to school children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan initiated by the Government to set up a Tsunami Warning System in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) Yes sir. Tsunami has already been included as a part of education in Disaster Management in social sciences curriculam of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) at the secondary stage. For classes VIII, IX, X a publication `Towards a safer India` has been brought out. A chapter on Tsunami and basic skills for management of the disaster have been introduced for class X.

(c) It has been proposed to set up a Tsunami and Storm Surge Early Warning system with the following components;

Strengthening of the existing seismological network to indicate in near real time occurrence of tsunamigenic earthquakes.
Installation of tsunami warning sensors close to the ocean bottom at appropriate locales in the Indian Ocean, with real time connectivity.
Tide gauge and data buoys networking.
Modeling of the inundation scenarios for the entire coast.
The establishment of a center for collection of information, analysis and generating status advisories.